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SUBJECT: KUWAIT MEDIA REACTION - HEZBOLLAH, AMERICA, AND THE MIDDLE EAST

Block Quotes

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Monday, August 14, 2006

-- "Losers Have no Right to Object" was the title of Editor-in-chief of the pro-government Arabic-language daily Al-Seyassah Ahmed Al-Jarallah's article on the front page (8/14):

"Hezbollah is no longer strong enough to exert pressure on the Lebanese government. Hezbollah's soldiers, who have been killed in the war, have sacrificed their lives for Iran and not for their own country. In Hezbollah's uncalculated adventure, in which Israel and the United States are on one side with Syria and Iran on the other, the people of Lebanon have been the victims."

-- In "To Your Excellency Mr. President" Yousef Mubarak Al-Mubarakhi penned a message in progressive Arabic daily Al-Qabas (8/14):

"I was not shocked by President George Bush's statement when he gave Muslims a new name, 'Islamic fascists.' Why the provocation and the description of Islam with the most hideous of descriptions, such as terrorism and others?

-- Iqbal Abdullah Al-Issa inquired in "Do We Comprehend the Lesson?" in progressive Arabic daily Al-Qabas (8/14):

"Arab support is bleeding and Gulf monies are being squandered so that the American and Israeli economic wheels keep turning; that is the conclusion of the story. What sin have Arabs committed? What have they done to not be allowed to live in a dignified manner, to enjoy the blessings? Why are human rights in our countries transgressed against when God gave us so many blessings?"

-- "America and our Political Defeat" was the title of Dr. Badr Al-Ansari's piece in progressive Arabic daily Al-Qabas in which he editorialized (8/14):

"America can swallow its words on human rights and international rights. It can also declare through all the media it controls that there is no Zionist-American alliance aiming to divide and occupy Arab lands and to control its resources. The fact remains on the ground that it supports Israel in killing innocent people, in demolishing their homes, and in destroying the infrastructure of a peaceful country."

-- In "The Unjust Resolution" Dr. Abdul Mohsen Yousef Jamal commented in progressive Arabic daily Al-Qabas (8/14):

"In my opinion, Hezbollah and his Secretary-General Mr. Hassan Nasrallah's popularity is tremendous. Hezbollah's positions on upcoming issues will be guidance for Arab governments. Therefore, Lebanon will be the leader of Arab decision-making and that will reflect on Arab countries including Iraq; in which the Americans and British will suffer as a result of the closing of ranks on the Arab street. The Arab street will not forget their position on the destruction of the Lebanese infrastructure by giving the green light to the enemy of Arabs and Muslims."

-- Political Science professor Dr. Shafiq Nazem Al-Ghabra stated in his piece titled "Ferocity of War and New Horizons" published in moderate Arabic daily Al-Rai Al-Aam that (8/14):

"In Israel's quest to achieve the known objectives of the war, summarized in the ouster of Hezbollah from its borders and making the Lebanese army and the international forces the new power on the borders, it destroyed Lebanon and was unsuccessful in destroying Hezbollah."

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